

**PEOTONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #207-U
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
MEDIA CENTER
APRIL 18, 2011**

ROLL CALL

At 7:07 p.m. President Bettenhausen called the regular meeting to order and requested all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken and the following members answered aye: Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Virgl, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Moore and Mr. Bettenhausen.

VISITOR'S LOG

No visitor's signed the Visitor's Log.

SPEAKER'S LOG

The following people signed the Speaker's Log: David Taylor of Peotone, Judy Ogalla of Monee, Judy Ann Paw of Monee, Tammy Eaker of Lowell, Earl Welsh of Manteno, Diane Ahearn of Peotone, Brenda Hillmann of Elburn, Cynthia Cook of New Lenox and Kerri McDonough of Crete.

MINUTES

Mr. Nugent made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 2, 2011, the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 9, 2011, the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 15, 2011 and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Executive Session of March 28, 2011. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

FINANCE REPORTS

Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by the administration. Mr. Virgl seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Virgl, Mr. Nugent, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Moore and Mr. Bettenhausen.

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the Imprest Fund Bills as presented by the administration. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Virgl, Mr. Nugent, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Moore and Mr. Bettenhausen.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills and the change to the Bills Payable List as presented by the administration. Mr. Rademacher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Virgl, Mr. Nugent, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Baumgartner Mr. Moore and Mr. Bettenhausen.

ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

President Bettenhausen presented a certificate of commendation to the April Board of Education Academic Student of the Month, John Saliba, son of Stephen and Ginger Saliba of Peotone. John is a sophomore at Peotone High School with a grade point of 5.0 and ranks first in his class of 178 students based on grade point average. He is actively involved in Student Council, Baseball and Soccer. In John's spare time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, working on cars and playing sports. John's future plans are to attend college to become an engineer.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

President Bettenhausen presented a certificate and commendation to recognize the accomplishments of the following Peotone Junior High School March Students of the Month:

Kyle Gedenk
Student of the Month
Sixth Grade

Paige Cooper, Seventh Grade Student of the Month and Samantha Falaschetti, Eighth Grade Student of the Month were not present for the presentation.

VISITOR SPEAKERS

David Taylor of Peotone addressed the board regarding public safety in school zones.

Judy Ogalla of Monee extended her gratitude to the existing board members for their years of service to the community. Mrs. Ogalla welcomed the new board members. Mrs. Ogalla stated her opinion on why the referendum did not pass.

Judy Ann Paw of Monee extended her gratitude for the support of the community during the recent Green Garden Dinner. Mrs. Paw requested that the Board review the recently proposed calendar for the 2010-2011 school year and consider beginning the school year after the county fair due to hot weather conditions.

Tammy Eaker of Lowell addressed the Board regarding her recent transfer from Peotone Junior High School to Peotone High School.

Earl Welsh of Manteno addressed the Board regarding the recent decision to consolidate classrooms which will increase the student population in classrooms without adequate windows or air conditioning. Mr. Welsh noted that the teachers in this district work hard and deserve respect for the services they provide.

Diane Ahearn of Peotone announced that the community will be holding a fundraiser for Lisa Panici on July 27 at the Manteno Sportsman's Club. All donations will be due by July 8. Dr. McKinney offered to place their flyer in the virtual backpack. Mrs. Ahearn stated that there is also a Facebook page at "invincible force named Lisa".

Brenda Hillmann of Elburn discussed the recent changes to the occupational and physical therapy contract with the Southern Will County Cooperative. Mrs. Hillman extended her gratitude to the parents, and staff of Peotone Community Unit School District #207-U. Mrs. Hillman stated that if the school district is not satisfied with the new contract with Southern Will County Cooperative that Hillman is located only four blocks down from the cooperative and will be very happy to provide the district services.

Cynthia Cook of New Lenox and Kerri McDonough of Crete stated they had nothing further to add.

2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Virgl inquired if action on the 2011-2012 school calendar could be tabled to discuss the elevated temperatures that might occur during the month of August. Dr. McKinney stated that the school calendar must coincide with the Kankakee Area Career Center calendar. The board discussed the 2011-2012 school calendar and the reasons that it must coincide with the Kankakee Area Career Center calendar. Mr. Nugent made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar as presented by the administration. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

2011-2012 STUDENT SCHOOL FEES

Mr. Nugent made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 student school fees as presented by the administration. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Virgl, Mr. Nugent, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Moore and Mr. Bettenhausen.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Nugent made a motion to approve the following personnel as recommended by the administration:

CERTIFIED:

EMPLOYMENT:

- Cory Dillard – Physical Education – PHS
- Cory Dillard – Assistant Football Coach – PHS
- Cory Dillard – Assistant Basketball Coach – PHS
- Keith Knoll – Science – PHS
- Drew Tyler – Social Studies – PHS
- Michael Radakovitz – Football Coach - PHS

RESIGNATION:

- Chris Borkenhagen – Assistant Football Coach – PHS
- Phil Hudson – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach – PHS
- Daniel Gould Social Studies – PHS

CERTIFIED: (cont'd)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- Maura Shea – Math (6) - PJH

TRANSFER:

- Ann Lavazza – English – PHS from Language Arts (7) – PJH

NON-CERTIFIED:

EMPLOYMENT:

- Dennis Spada – Substitute Bus Driver

Mr. Virgl seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Virgl, Mr. Nugent, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Moore, Mr. Baumgartner and Mr. Bettenhausen.

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Rose, Business Manager, reported that the state owes the District approximately \$1.26 million. The district has placed a breakdown by category on the website. Ms. Rose discussed the referendum results and school funding options.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Preuss reported that the high school is preparing for PSAE testing. Mrs. Oliver and the staff have been working to make sure the juniors are well prepared. Mr. Preuss reported he is working with the Junior High Math Department. The junior high school math teachers will be preparing a math packet for the students to work on over the summer break which will reduce the need for lengthy review when the students return to school next year.

Mrs. Davis reported that the district is currently negotiating a price for the adoption of the McGraw Hill Treasure Program. Mrs. Davis continued that with the help of the Technology Department, the Education Foundation and the schools' Parent-Teacher Organizations, it may be possible to purchase a device similar to the Smartboards for half the price for each teacher in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. McKinney reported that he has been interviewing candidates for the Peotone Elementary Principal position. Interviews will continue on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at Peotone Elementary with the interview team.

Dr. McKinney continued that the State of Illinois has proposed changes to the Teacher's Retirement System and has proposed a new teacher evaluation system. This fall the district will implement a new application system entitled "Applitrack". This application will increase the number of applicants in the application pool.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dee Oliver, Principal of Peotone High School, reported that the high school seniors have many events scheduled for the upcoming weeks. Mrs. Schultz and a team of students are preparing for a very emotional drunk driving demonstration. Mrs. Oliver reported that the FFA has held their awards night. Dakota Cowger was elected to be the new FFA President. Mrs. Oliver continued that May 4 will be Senior Awards Night. The ACT prep course is progressing well. The students will participate in a sample test on Saturday. The Peotone High School Post Prom Committee held an amazing fundraiser at the Kankakee Country Club on March 12. She continued that Skills USA was awarded first place at the State Quiz Bowl. Due to the weather, Mr. Maupin has been busy rescheduling softball and soccer games.

Tina Nick, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported that the PTO Spring Fling is scheduled for April 29. The Fourth Grade Step-Up Day is scheduled for May 13, 2011. Ms. Nicks reported that the High School FFA students will provide a presentation for the fourth grade students. Peotone Elementary is proud to report that 45 out of 65 students have made high honors. The Early Childhood Program has received a change in grant criteria. If the district is awarded the early childhood grant next year, services will only be available to the students that qualify for special services. This will limit our early childhood program to 100 seats. Any early childhood student that receives speech services will be serviced on a walk-in basis only. Ms. Nicks reported that the Beecher School District will create their own early childhood program next year and will not be participants at Peotone Elementary.

Tracy Hiller, Principal of Green Garden Elementary, reported that 88 students participated in the Mathathon. The students raised just under \$6,000 for St. Jude's Research Hospital. Many of the students returned their prize money as a donation. Mrs. Hiller stated that an assembly will be held to honor the students that participated.

Tracy Hiller, Principal of Wilton Center Elementary, reported that April 1 was Hat Day. The students paid \$1 for the privilege of wearing a hat in school. The students raised a donation of \$350 for brain tumor research.

Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported that the Scholastic Team was awarded third place. The Junior High School Math Team participated in a math contest at Beecher School District and was awarded second place. Tess Parker, seventh grader, shaved her head to raise \$4,250 in donations for Cancer Research. Mrs. Bryant is preparing for the Junior High School Activity Week. McTeacher's Night is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 between 5 p.m and 8 p.m.

Kathy Davis, Principal of the Connor Shaw Center, reported that the Crane project has been completed. The students have folded more than 1,500 cranes. The students enjoyed the project so much they have encouraged Mrs. Justus to teach them how to fold additional items. The Connor Shaw Center teachers are preparing for rocket week. The students will build their rockets in preparation of launch day in which the students spend the day at the park to launch their rockets.

Larry Piwnicki, Director of Special Education, reported that the special education classroom will not need any major revisions to accommodate the new special education class. Mr. Piwnicki reported that many of the parents are excited about the new program. Mr. Piwnicki recognized the accomplishments of the Hillman Therapy Group and extended his gratitude for a job well done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:37 p.m. Mr. Virgl moved that the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of other specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:34 p.m. Mrs. Robinson made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 p.m. Mr. Rademacher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

Roger Bettenhausen, President

Cynthia Zeilstra, Reporter